

Greenfield Board of Health Meeting

January 14, 2021, 5pm

Emergency Meeting

Webex

Members present Alyssa Valbona, Kelly Dixon, Nancee Bershof

Health Dept: Nicole Glabach, Jennifer Hoffman

Other: Brian King, Terry, Christy Moore, Mike Kuchieski, Angie

I Called to order

CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded. If any other persons present are doing the same; you must notify the chairperson at this time.

II Special needs evaluations

They wanted to go ahead and do their special needs evals, no reason why they can't do that as long as they follow safety precautions.

III Winter sports discussion

Gathering indoors is still at 10 people. It is not clear whether this applies to school sports. The board does not think high risk winter sports can go forward if the athletic department does not have a plan in place. Greenfield cases are going up though not as dramatic, but they have not gone down. Covid is averaging 4.7 cases a day.

The sports teams are not supposed to be playing games, but they would consider having skills and drills. The board of health would need plans for skills and drills. Letter is live and being drafted to be completed. Approval for drills and skills, was given at the December meeting. Basketball and Hockey game schedules are already sent out.

Alyssa: Charter schools are doing skills and drills.

Jennifer: Could meet with Nancee a few times to talk about numbers.

The BOH needs to meet either Monday or Tuesday before the school committee meeting on Wednesday.

Nancee Bershof Suggested:

At this time the BOH is willing to continue recommending skills and drills if we receive a plan from the athletic director clearly saying how those kids and all the people involved will stay safe, wearing masks, etc.

Alyssa made a motion::

I move that we recommend skills and drills be continued for high-risk sports, with the condition that safety guidance from EEA is followed and a request that we receive a plan for that by Monday January 18th midday. Specific to Greenfield Public School Sports. Kelly Dixon Seconded. Motion passed.

Kelly Dixon made a motion:

I move that we not recommend high risk winter sports for play competitive games at this point. The Greenfield Board of Health will meet weekly to review numbers. And provide further recommendations, in conjunction with the school nurse and other emergency health groups. Alyssa Seconded Motion passed.

IV School opening discussion

They do not have a plan of opening currently.

V Public comments

Brian King:

What proof does his wife need of comorbidities in order to get a vaccination? February to March will be starting in phase two. The City of Greenfield is currently only doing first responders and front facing COVID-19 workers.

Alyssa Valbona: Valley medical has vaccine for phase one people currently as well. Check In with your doctor frequently.

Mike K (high school AD)

Commented about Boards hard work and looks forward to working with them on a plan that he has started. He will be at the Monday meeting and will send Jennifer a sports plan for Basketball and Hockey by midday Monday

VI Adjourn